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In re Application of:

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LIGANDS IN BIOLOGICAL )  
FLUIDS, AND ASSAY KITS )  
FOR MEASURING SAME )

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AMENDMENT UNDER RULE 116

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of September 12, 2001.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please re-write claim 54 as follows:

54. (Amended) A method of determining the concentration of the free portion of